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SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY IAN SMITH
RHODESIAN REPRESENTATIVE'S OFFICE HERE HAS SENT US THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ISSUED BY IAN SMITH ON OCTOBER 6:

1. QUOTE MY ATTENTION HAS BEEN DRAWN TO PRESS REPORTS OF REMARKS MADE BY THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR ANTHONY CROSLAND, AT THE UN YESTERDAY. IN PARTICULAR, HIS REFERENCE TO THE SO-CALLED FIVE POINTS BEING OPEN TO NEGOTIATION APPEARS TO INDICATE THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ARE DEPARTING FROM THE TERMS OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS WHICH WERE PUT TO ME IN PRETORIA ON 19TH SEPTEMBER BY DR KISSINGER.

2. QUOTE IN MY STATEMENT OF 24TH SEPTEMBER I READ OUT THE FIVE POINTS IN THE EXACT WORDS WHICH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT ASKED ME TO USE. I WAS INFORMED BY DR KISSINGER THAT THE PROPOSALS HAD BEEN DRAWN UP IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND HAD BEEN AGREED BY THE BLACK PRESIDENTS WHOM HE HAD CONSULTED. FOR THAT REASON THE PROPOSALS WERE PRESENTED AS A PACKAGE DEAL WHICH I WOULD HAVE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND I WAS ASSURED THAT IF I ACCEPTED IT NO NEW DEMANDS WOULD BE RAISED. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT I MADE MY ACCEPTANCE CONDITIONAL, NOT ONLY ON THE LIFTING OF SANCTIONS AND THE CESSATION OF TERRORISM, BUT ALSO ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSALS BY THE OTHER PARTIES CONCERNED.

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3. QUOTE MY STATEMENT WAS WELCOMED BY THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS AND AT NO TIME HAVE I HAD ANY INDICATION THAT THEY DISAGREED WITH ANY PART OF IT.

4. QUOTE I WISH TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT MY COLLEAGUES AND I WILL BE GOING TO THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE WITH THE POSITIVE AIM OF GETTING THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED IN TERMS OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS WHICH I ACCEPTED. IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL RHODESIANS, BLACK AND WHITE, THAT THIS SHOULD BE ACHIEVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL NOT WASTE TIME ON EXTRANEOUS MATTERS WHICH FALL OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE AGREED PROPOSALS.
UNQUOTE.
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